

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday May 27th 2007

CW Field Day

Don't forget that the CW field day takes place over the June bank holiday weekend (the 2nd and 3rd of June).

EI4CF and Shannon Basin Club have once again made the grounds of Garbally College in Ballinasloe available for any stations interested in taking part from a central location.

Any stations planning on entering the field day please e-mail "contests at irts dot ie".

International Museums Weekend

The International Museums Weekend takes place in three weeks time on the 16th and 17th of June. This amateur radio special event has grown in popularity since the first event was held in 2002.

Among past participants are The Tower of London, HMS Belfast and the US battleship New Jersey. The Howth Martello Radio Group will be participating again this year, operating from the Vintage Radio Museum in Howth. Visitors are welcome to call and operate the station over the weekend. The museum web site is www.qsl.net/ei5em/museum.html A full list of participating museums and further information of the event is available from the organiser's web site www.ukradioamateur.co.uk/imw/

VHF News

The monthly 6-metre net organised by Kerry Amateur Radio Group will take place next on Monday the 4th of June. The frequency used is 50.135 MHz SSB at 9.00 p.m. local time. The 6-metre net takes place on the first Monday of each month.

The 4-metre activity night will take place on Tuesday the 5th of June on 70.2625 MHz from 8 to 10 p.m. local time. Modes in use are AM, FM and SSB. The 4-metre activity night takes place on the first Tuesday of each month.

The EI 6 meter beacon EI0SIX operates on 50.052 MHz with using 20 Watts into a

Trident V6M half-wave vertical antenna. The beacon is located on the Hill of Allen in County Kildare - IO63NF.

Rallies

Bangor & District Amateur Radio Society Rally will take place on Sunday the 17th of June in the Crawfordsburn Country Park, Helen's Bay, Co. Down. The Cork Radio Club Rally will take place on Sunday the 23rd of September in the Blarney Park Hotel, Blarney, Co. Cork and the Mayo Radio Rally will be on Sunday the 18th of November in the Belmont Hotel, Knock, Co. Mayo.

A full listing of upcoming rallies is available on www.irts.ie

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group

Please note that there will be no general meeting for the month of May. The next committee meeting will take place on Monday the 4th of June at 8.00 p.m. in The Roanmore Centre, Waterford. All committee members are asked to attend.

Prefixes for Montenegro and Serbia

When Montenegro first became an independent country, the prefix YU6 was tentatively allocated to it. However, it now has a call sign block of its own. The ITU now lists 4O (that's "four Oscar") as Montenegro's prefix. This means Montenegro stations may use 4O0 through 4O9, while Serbian stations will continue to use YT and YU prefixes for all call districts, 0 through 9. The ITU reportedly wants the two nations to complete the transition to new call sign blocks as soon as possible.

The ITU has taken back the former 4N and YZ prefixes for future reassignment.

Members that use computer logging software should update their software to reflect these new prefix allocations.

Contests

The CW field day will take place in two weeks time on the 2nd and 3rd of June and the VHF/UHF field day will take place on the weekend of the 7th and 8th of July.

The RSGB IOTA contest will be held on the 28th and 29th of July.

Ladies Mini Marathon

The 2007 Flora Ladies Mini Marathon takes place on Bank Holiday Monday the 4th of June at 3.00 pm. It starts from Fitzwilliam Square, and finishes in Stephens Green Dublin 2. Sadly this year's event will happen without the familiar voice of Donnchadh O'Shea who traditionally operated the net control station. This year's public service event will be dedicated to his memory. The co-ordinator for the event again this year will be George Adjaye who may be contacted by phone on 086 2586103 or Fax 01 4908546 or email "george_adjayeg at dcu.ie".

Galtee Walking Festival

It's now just one week from the 2 days of activity in the Galtees on the Saturday and Sunday of the June Bank Holiday weekend. John Ronan EI7IG is event Coordinator and he is being assisted by John EI2JB and other members of the Tipperary Amateur radio Group. Newcomers are welcome and training will be provided by AREN each morning. Please contact John EI7IG on 086 8167310 or John EI2JB at QTHR if you are interested in participating.

Theory Examination

The next Theory Examination for the Experimenters Licence will be held on Thursday the 28th of June next. Places for the examination are limited and will be allocated on a "first come first served" basis. Intending candidates should forward the appropriate fee to Seán Nolan EI7CD, 12 Little Meadow, Pottery Road Dunlaoghaire, Co. Dublin. The fee is 50 Euro or 25 Euro for full time registered students, those who are retired, are unemployed or have a disability. In addition to the exam centre at the ComReg offices in Dublin an examination will be held on the same date and with the same paper at the Community Centre, Carrigtwohill, Co. Cork.

The closing date for the examination is the 16th of June and it will be strictly adhered to. Sean's e-mail address for further enquiries is "ei7cd at gofree dot indigo dot ie".

Isle of Man, Special Event

Mike GW6NLP and Colin MW0JNI are running a Special Event Station until the 6th

of June, in association with Scarlett Point Amateur Radio Society, to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Isle of Man TT races. They'll be based at Scarlett Point Tower in Castletown, on the southern most tip of the Isle of Man.

They'll be running with the callsign GB100TT. A full operating schedule will be on either Wrexham ARS' website, or the Scarlett Point website hopefully this will be finalised nearer the time. Wrexham ARS' website is located at: www.qsl.net/wars and Scarlett Point ARS is at www.scarlettpoint.com

EI75IRTS

Just a reminder that as part of the Society's Jubilee Celebrations, the IRTS has been allocated the call sign EI75IRTS for the duration of 2007. The licence holder is Finbarr Buckley EI1CS, and with his agreement, the call sign may be used by individual and club members holding a current Radio Experimenter's licence.

Individual and club members of the IRTS can apply to use the call sign EI75IRTS during the rest of the year. More information is available on www.irts.ie

Items for inclusion in next weeks Radio News should be forwarded to Mark Wall, EI7IS at QTHR or by phone to 051-853806 or 087-6302026. Items for the radio news can also be faxed to 087 5 6302026. News should be submitted via e-mail to "news at irts dot ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Friday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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